

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 is currently amended.

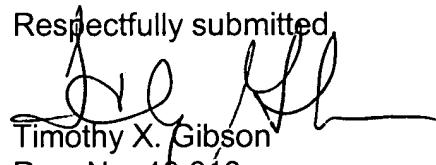
In the Office Action dated January 12, 2004, claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a or e) or in the alternative under §103(a).

In the Office Action on page 3, paragraphs 6 and 7, it was indicated all the claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 would be allowable if claim 1 was amended by deleting, in line 6, "at least 10%" and inserting "greater than 10% to about 25%" and deleting the last two lines of the claim.

By the foregoing amendment, applicant has amended claim 1 in accordance with the comments in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits claim 1 as amended is in allowable form. Applicant submits claims 2, 4 and 7, dependent on allowable claim 1, are also in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons and in light of the amendments made herein the applicant earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for all claims pending in the application. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite any detail of the prosecution.

No fee is due with this amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

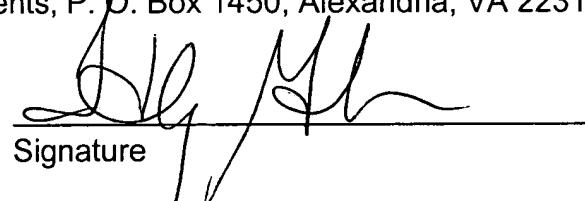
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